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- [] Together with the present application.
- [x] Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]

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	[37 CFR § 1.97(c)]

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- [x] No separate requirements are needed.
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- [] This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior U.S. Application No(s).

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Respectfully submitted,

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